

Man & Woman – Love or Hate?

(10-line poem)

1. He loved a woman as quiet as the morning,
With hope in her heart that did not want to disappear.
But she, like the wind, is an untamable wonder,
To whom closeness seemed too heavy and would disappear.
2. She drank rum as a bitter consolation,
To wash away thoughts that she herself did not like.
He wanted a family, warmth, a home,
But she ran away from children as if from a strange force.
3. He secretly hoped that time would change him,
That love would be able to melt the ice.
But in his heart there was restlessness and shadows,
Which did not allow him to accept closeness as honey.
4. When arguments became everyday language,
He understood – love alone is not strength.
He went to lawyers to find an answer,
Is such a path still salvageable, or is it already ending.
5. In the courtroom, they told him – “Divorce is good,
Because a person alone cannot bear all the burden.”
He was silent, but in his heart he felt –
This is a verdict that saves his own life.
6. Hearing this, she burned with anger,
Because she could not accept that the man was leaving.
She thought – he would always stay,
But love is not a chain to be held away with a stubborn hand.
7. Anger took her further than reason,
And action became her greatest enemy.
She lost a man who once loved truly,
And was left alone with a deep wound of her own making.
8. When the door slammed shut in Riga Central Prison,
She understood – freedom is not just space or air.
It is the ability to love, respect and protect,
Which she had wasted like the wind.
9. The voices of the prisoners sounded like a strange choir,
And she listened to how life went on outside the window.
She understood - hatred had given her nothing,
Only emptiness, which she must now endure alone.
10. But he - he went on with peace in his heart,
Because once he loved, but now he allowed himself to live.
And she - albeit late - understood the truth:
Love disappears where a person refuses to respect and protect it.